

Oro Valley Historical Society

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Second Saturday – December 8th

Join the Society for a variety of events at Steam Pump Ranch on Saturday, December 8th. Members will man the information booth and provide docent **tours** at the Ranch House from 9:00 to noon. The **Holiday sale** will continue in the morning. At noon, **Alan Day** (brother of Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor) will discuss growing up on the Day Ranch in Arizona and his quest to save wild mustangs from 1989 to 1994. Warm yourself with some chili during Alan's talk. At 12:45, Quest for Drama will present a **radio on-stage play** of "It's a Wonderful Life."

OVHS Website

For up-to-the-minute information about the Society's activities, be sure to visit our website: www.ovhistory.org, and our Facebook page: Oro Valley Historical Society. "Share" the OVHS Facebook page on your Facebook timeline!

We are in the process of improving our website and would like your feedback. Also, if you would like to submit a story, photo or event information, contact Teri Colmar at teri.colmar@gmail.com. Thanks to Teri for her work on the website!

Holiday Sales

The Holiday Sale has netted \$ 159.00 thus far. All remaining items will be for sale on December 8th. After that, they will be donated to the Golden Goose. Thanks to Jo Di Gennaro for organizing these sales!



Upcoming Events

December 5

Speaker-OV Library 2:00 pm

December 8

Second Saturday 9:00-2:00 pm

January 9

Volunteer Training 1:00 pm



Joyce Rychener offers information at a presentation for RV'ers at the Ranch

More Important News

News from the November Board Meeting

Jo Di Gennaro volunteered at the Town of Oro Valley's Hayride event and received \$ 85 that was donated to the Society... Al Efron has donated \$ 5000 to the Society for engineering studies to be completed at Steam Pump Ranch. Thank you! ... Joyce Rychener recently hosted a home school group for education at Steam Pump Ranch over a two-week period. The students ranged from 2nd grade through high school. Joyce noted that the winter crops have been planted in the Heritage Garden.... Jim Williams donated \$1200 from sales of Claiming the Desert.



Paul Loomis at our
information booth

Collections Corner

The OVHS was recently notified by the Arizona State Historical Society that it is the recipient of an AHS Small Grant in the amount of \$ 820 for the preservation and display of collection items.

Peg and Sue met with Kate Stewart - the Tucson Arizona Historical Museum Archivist - to review how to organize, catalog, file, store and preserve OVHS archival materials. Kate will visit the Tack Room in January 2019 to view the Collections and evaluate their past work.

At the Pusch Ranch House on Saturday November 10th, Helen Cates gave a presentation about her family heirlooms - a platform cradle and a child's rocking chair dating back to the early 1900's - which she donated to the Society in 2017.

Volunteer Training

The first informational/training meeting will be held on **January 9th at 1pm**. It is open to any members or others interested. Additional training will be held quarterly throughout the year on the 2nd Wednesdays (January, April, July and October) and will continue in 2020. More information will be provided later regarding January 9 - save the date!



Barbara McClure and
Jo Di Gennaro at the
Holiday Sale in
November

New Oro Valley History Available

Claiming the Desert

*Settlers, Homesteaders and
Ranchers in Oro Valley,
Arizona 1865-1965*



James A. Williams

Board member Jim Williams has published a new history of Oro Valley from 1865 to 1965 entitled *Claiming the Desert*. This book is currently available on **Amazon.com** and at the **Western National Parks Association**.

Jim will be speaking on the book at Western National Parks at noon and 2:00 pm on Saturday, December 8th.

Profits from the sales of this book go to the Oro Valley Historical Society.

For more information: jaswilliams128@msn.com



Thanks to Helen Cates for her presentation on a platform cradle and child's rocking chair at Second Saturday in November and her donation!

The Second Saturday in January will feature information on the Tully/Ochoa raid from 9:00-noon.

Speakers Program:

Join the Society and hear Gayle Hartmann of the Arizona State Museum discuss the history and restoration of the Presidio in downtown Tucson. The program will be at the Oro Valley Library at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 5th. It is free and open to the public.